

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
Chemeketa Eola Northwest Wine Studies Center, Salem, OR

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Chair Tass Morrison, Ron Adams, Andrew Bryan, Tim Carpenter, Kevin Cassidy, Don Cruise, David Dowrie, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Susan FitzGerald, Jake Gibbs, Liz Hartman, Cheri Helt, Kaye Jones, Greg Kintz, John Lindenthal, Fred Marble, Doug Nelson, Jill O'Donnell, Hank Perry, Craig Prewitt, Betty Reynolds, Scott Rogers, Kim Strelchun, Lori Theros, Becky Tymchuk, Michelle Vo, Dawn Watson, Maureen Wolf, ex officio Joel Robe (OAESD)

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Jim Green, Deputy Executive Director Mary Paulson, Jenny Fedler, Lori Sattenspiel, Richard Donovan, Jane Leonhardt

OSBA committee members not in attendance: Chris Brantley, Carlos Castaneda, Trina Comerford, Betsy Earls, LeeAnn Larsen, Dean McAllister, Kent Zook, ex officio Craig Hawkins, ex officio Charles Martinez, Jr. (State Board of Education)

Chair Tass Morrison called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

I. Welcome and introductions

Chair Tass Morrison welcomed attendees and asked Committee members to introduced themselves. Sherry Duerst-Higgins was recognized in Lane County as having received an award as "elected person of the year."

Kris Howatt and Paul Anthony entered the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Sherry Duerst-Higgins moved approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by David Dowrie.

The committee voted and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Consent agenda

A. Approval of minutes

1. April 22, 2016, Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. August 22, 2016, Legislative Policy Committee conference call minutes

Motion: Doug Nelson moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Kaye Jones.

The committee voted and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Advocacy

C. Association

1. Promise of Oregon / Oregon Rising (*this item taken out of order*)

Lori Sattenspiel reported on the current status of the Promise of Oregon and Oregon Rising campaigns and shared the new Oregon Rising video.

Rose Wilde entered the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Duncan Wyse entered the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

Amy Kohnstamm entered the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

2. School funding poster, district narratives (*this item taken out of order*)

Lori Sattenspiel presented the new funding posters showing individual district information. She outlined the difference in what the education budget is and what actual district expenses are as calculated by school business officials.

A. Presentation: Duncan Wyse, Oregon Business Council

Duncan Wyse spoke briefly regarding the recent battle on Ballot Measure 97 and thanked OSBA for its partnership. Duncan spoke about OBC's vision for Oregon. He outlined why there is a deficit in the budget (revenue vs. PERS and Medicaid growth), and how OBC's proposals focus on revenue reform aimed at education. Q&A followed.

The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

Sen Richard Devlin entered the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

B. Presentation: Sen. Richard Devlin

Lori welcomed and introduced Sen. Devlin. LPC members introduced themselves to Sen. Devlin. Sen. Devlin outlined how the education budget numbers were arrived upon and provided a look forward to future funding biennium. He outlined cuts to be made in DHS and public safety. Q&A followed.

Sen. Richard Devlin exited the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

D. OSBA Revenue Reform, Betty Reynolds, Jim Green

1. Revenue Reform polling update

Jim Green summarized findings of OSBA's State Funding survey. Betty Reynolds spoke about the work of the Revenue Reform Advisory Committee and how the committee came up with their proposals for reform. She thanked committee members for their work. Discussion was held on how the survey has been distributed to members of the legislature and Governor's office and how the results are being received.

2. Next steps

Jim reported that the Revenue Reform Advisory Workgroup met on March 14, 2017. Based on the workgroup's discussions Jim will prepare the final recommendations report and workgroup members will provide comments. Jim and Lori will provide direction on how LPC members can advocate for revenue reform.

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

Paul Warner entered the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

E. Presentation: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Office

Mr. Warner shared a presentation with committee members on business tax reform options. Q&A followed.

Paul Warner exited the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Kim Strelchun exited the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

F. 2017 NSBA Advocacy Institute

Tass Morrison provided an outline of the events held during the NSBA Advocacy Institute in January. Betty Reynolds followed with a thorough report outlining issues and topics covered. Others committee members who also attended provided their take aways from the event.

G. Federal advocacy

Betty Reynolds provided status updates and information on ESSA implementation, NSBAC, Friends of Public Education, and Stand Up 4 Public Schools. She encouraged everyone to participate in advocacy for public education and to access the NSBAC and Stand Up 4 Public Schools websites.

H. OSBA / COSA Legislative Advocacy Day

Lori Sattenspiel reported on Legislative Day held Monday, March 13 in Salem. She outlined the day-long event which included advocacy training at the Willamette Heritage Center, meetings with legislators at the capitol, a press release regarding release of the revenue reform survey, and the hearing on HJR 4 that afternoon.

I. 2015 Legislative session and issues

1. Ballot Measure 98

Richard Donovan summarized the bill that passed in November 2016. He summarized the closed workgroup he has been monitoring and what is next for the measure.

2. Elliott State Forest

Jim Green summarized the issues surrounding the Elliott State Forest and provided an update about the current status of the sale of the land.

3. Healthy and Safe Schools

Lori Sattenspiel provided information about SB 886 which requires inspection of schools annually for toxins such as mold, asbestos, and lead paint, and for lead in water every five-ten years. Discussions are ongoing.

4. PERS update

Jim Green reported that discussions continue regarding the scope of changes to PERS. He outlined ideas that are being discussed such as changing the formula, going to a five-year final average, and creation of an additional tier.

V. LPC meeting evaluations

Chair Tass Morrison adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.